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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS AND CONTROLS FOR  
MONITORING ASSAY QUALITY AND  
ACCURACY IN PARATHYROID HORMONE  
MEASUREMENT

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Examiner: C. Cheu

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated February 15, 2007, for which a response was due on May 15, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 15, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.